Requirement of funds for establishments/strengthening of nursing and ANM schools, as incorporated in the PIP of some States under NRHM (2006-07) has been approved. Strategic frame work has been prepared to meet shortage of nurses in future in the following manner:—

(i) Establishing Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery (ANM) and General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) schools in those districts (230) which are not having both these training programmes.

(ii) Establishing post graduation Nursing (M.Sc. Nursing) Institutions.

(iii) Regional Institute of excellence be established with the objective of improving the standard on all India basis and provide opportunity to access high quality Nursing Education through out the country.

(iv) Developing Cadre of nurse midwifery practitioners and establishing training institutions.

Spas and health resorts

3464. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of spas and health resorts have come up in the country making tall claims of weight loss/gain;

(b) if so, the approximate number of such spas and health resorts in the country;

(c) whether the Central Government proposes to regulate these spas, health resorts and health centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Ministry does not collect any information on the number of spas and health resorts in the country.

(c) and (d) At present there is no regulatory mechanism for health resorts and spas. However, suggestions have been invited from the general public, tourism industry, private hospitals and others, for development of Standards of Treatment at spas and health resorts.

CGHS dispensary for CPWD colony, Vasant Vihar

3465. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has opened a separate dispensary for the employees of CBI in CBI Colony, Vasant Vihar, who earlier were registered with CGHS dispensary of Sector-V, R.K. Puram;

(b) if so, the reasons why the separate dispensary has not been opened in CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar for the Parliamentary pool and General pool residents, till now;

(c) whether Government proposes to open a separate dispensary for employees residing in CPWD Colony on the lines of dispensary in CBI Colony or attach them with the dispensary in CBI Colony; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Due to resource crunch at present, new dispensary couldnot be opened at Vasant Vihar. However, due to distance from the nearest dispensary No. 52, which is at Sector 6, R.K. Puram, an extension counter has been opened within the compound of CBI Colony, Vasant Vihar.

Grievance Redressal Committee in hospitals

3466. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Delhi has directed the Central Government as well as Government of Delhi to set up the Grievance Redressal Committee in each of their hospitals to help improve facilities for patients within a given time-frame;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether these Committees will also take up complaints from patients and visitors or merely attend to staff related problems; and

(d) the action Government has taken so far for setting up these Committees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Grievance Redressal Committee/Cells do already exist in Central Government Hospitals under the Chairmanship of Addl. Medical Superintendents. To enable the public to lodge written complaints/ suggestions/grievances, various complaint boxes have been installed at different locations in the hospital premises. These boxes are opened periodically and then all complaints/ suggestions/grievances, received from patients/visitors are put up before the grievance committee. The Grievance Committee meets every week/month to examine the same on the basis of action taken note received from concerned departments/sections on the complaints/ suggestions/grievances and accordingly decision/recommendation of the Grievance Committee is communicated to the administration for their redressal.

Huge pendency and dels.y in licensing of diagnostic products by DCGI

3467. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a undue delay in issuing import licenses for Invitro Diagnostic Kits by the Drug Controller General office;

(b) if not, the number of applications for import of Invitro Diagnostic Kits received with date and month-wise during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 and the disposal of the same date the month-wise;

(c) whether there is any official web site for DCGI office;

(d) if so, the reasons for not publishing the details of the import applications of Invitro Diagnostic Kits in the web site; and